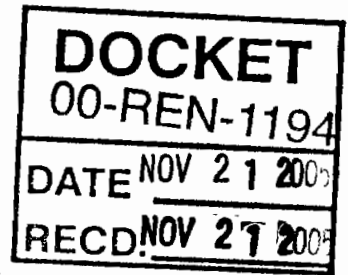




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To Whom It May Concern:

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My name is Jerry Huff, president of C. J. Solar, Inc. out of Vacaville, California. We sell both Bergey Wind Turbines and complete Grid-Tie PV systems. Vacaville is located in Solano County, one of the state's highest wind resources, and because of this, there is a lot of customer interest in installing wind turbines.

C. J. Solar, Inc. had sold and installed several turbines in Solano County up to the time the rebates started to drop. We are finding it much harder to close with the smaller rebates and all sales would significantly decrease if the CEC removed wind from its rebate program. We have wind turbine manufactures that have spent a lot of time and money to produce a product that can take advantage of California's great natural wind resource. It would be a tremendous waste of this resource if the CEC were to cut out the rebate that allows it to be economically possible for customers to purchase the necessary tools to capture the energy blowing over their property.

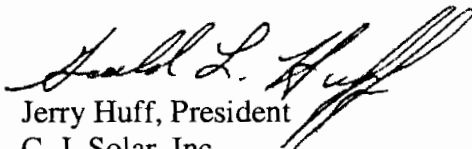
Solano County has a large number of small five acre ranches and orchards as well as larger spreads where a wind turbine would be a better option than solar due to operational issues associated with farming such as shading and soiling of the PV modules. However, with the loss or reduction of CEC rebates combined with the higher cost of materials such as the steel for the towers, it is not cost effective for customers to install wind systems and I sincerely believe that is a shame.

I would like to note that it was a member of the CEC that recommended that C. J. Solar, look into doing wind systems in the first place. He stated that he was familiar with Solano County's high winds and felt that we were missing out on a great market. After considering his remarks we decided to get involved with wind and spent a great deal of money sending all of our workers to Oklahoma to get certified on wind installations. I do not feel it would be fair to distributors who like us have spent the time and money necessary to become competent in the sales and installation of small wind systems. I thought the purpose of the CEC was to promote all cost-effective renewable energy resources and wind has been proven for a long time to be a cost-effective resource of electricity with the help of the rebate system. Remember that wind blows when the sun is not shining as well as during afternoons during peak time usage.

I strongly urge CEC to not only include wind in their 2006 Renewable Energy Investment Plan but to increase the rebate level back to what it was in 2003 (\$2.50 per watt up to 7500 watts and \$1.50 per watt over that). By doing so you would make it possible for a tremendous number of customers throughout the state to afford a cost effective wind system and utilize one of the states largest natural energy resources.

I would also like to address a major problem we are having with our solar projects. Do to the shortages of modules on the market and the constant price hikes it is making it harder and harder to give our customers a fixed quote on a solar system. You have shortened the time allowed to do the job and it is taking longer and longer to get product. We have several jobs sold at a fixed price where the cost of our product has increased by as much as \$.50 a watt. With the cost of materials going up and the rebates going down it is becoming more difficult to give our customers a fair and fixed price on a system. We have found that most customers want to know what the system is going to cost them before committing to purchase. It is such a large outlay of capitol they do not want any surprises at the end of the job. Because of this we have adsorbed the loss from the higher product cost which makes doing business even harder than it already is. I feel that until the price of product starts coming back down the CEC should raise the rebate or at least freeze it at the current \$2.80 per watt. I would also like to see the time allotted to complete the job returned to nine months or the ability to get extensions if needed due to lack of product.

In closing I would like to say that I feel the CEC has made California the leader in renewable energy installations. I think it would prove more effective to beef up the program rather than reduce its funding. California's energy usage is only going to increase in the future and we should strongly encourage renewable energy rather than paying outrageous prices for power when we come up short.



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Please see attached comments about the Workshop on 2006 Renewable Energy Investment Plan set for Nov. 14. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Jerry Huff at 707-678-9422 or e-mail jerry@cjsolar.com .

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